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THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS AND ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE USUALLY LIVESTREAMED

| Date & Liturgical Celebration   | Time                                | Mass Intention   |
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| <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br><b>(Gaudete Sunday)</b> | 6.30pm (Vigil)<br>8.30am<br>10.30am | Maurice Rees, RIP (A L)<br>Susan Steele-Morgan, RIP (SVP)<br>Parish Community                                |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.00am                             | <b>Mass in Townhill</b>  |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup><br><i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</i>  | 9.30am                              | Sue Morgan, RIP (T & A L)  |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup><br><i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</i>  | 9.30am<br>10.00am                   | Maurice Rees, RIP (E T)<br><b>Coffee Morning</b>   |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup><br><i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</i>   | 7.00pm                              | Susan Steele-Morgan, RIP (E W)   |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup><br><i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</i>   | 9.30am                              | Maurice Rees, RIP (M M)  |
| Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup><br><i>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</i>   | 10.00am                             | Peter Cottle, RIP Anniversary (R C)  |
| <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>                            | 6.30pm (Vigil)<br>8.30am<br>10.30am | Karen Wharton, Private Intentions (J A)<br>Janice & Allan Jones, Private Intention (P H)<br>Parish Community |
| <b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b>   | 6.30pm                              | Mary Lynch, RIP Anniversary (M & A B)  |
| <b>Christmas Night Mass</b>   | 10.00pm                             | Maurice Rees, RIP (P H)  |

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.

**ADORATION AND BENEDICTION:** Saturday morning after 10am Mass (Confessions also available)

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Mme Esien, Yvonne Richards, Kevin Holly, Mark Godsall, Peter McPherson, Keira Isaac-Clarke, Peter Andrewes.

### PARISH YOUNGSTERS' GAMES:

| Table Tennis Match: 10 <sup>th</sup> December | Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December | Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Final match was played                        | Table Tennis Prizes              | Scrabble Games Begin             |

**Table Tennis Competition:** 12 - 16 years. First Prize £20 voucher.

**Chess Competition:** 12 - 16 years. First Prize £20 voucher.

**Scrabble Competition:** 12 - 16 years. First Prize £20 voucher. To register, please get in touch with the priests.

**PARISH LADIES' GUILD:** Christmas lunch at Clyne Golf Club on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm.

**NATIVITY 2023:** We invite children of all ages to join in this celebration, which will take place before the 6.30pm Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals are being held in the church, each Sunday after the 10.30am Mass. Please join us.

**10:30AM MASS TEA & COFFEE:** Volunteers needed. Please sign up in the porch.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** A very big 'thank you' to all parishioners for your generosity in donating great raffle prizes and for buying raffle tickets. The amount of £1300 was raised, divided between the SVP and Maggie's Cancer Centre.

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS:** Don't know what to give family and friends for Christmas this year? Cafod's World Gifts capture the true spirit of Christmas giving. Go to [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) or pick up a catalogue in the porch. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP:** Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall, so no longer on Zoom. Please join our next meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. All are welcome.

**PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. Text: John chapter 1. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513.

**HOOR OF GRACE:** 6pm - 7pm every other Wednesday. Led by a Dominican priest, this is a solemn moment of prayerful encounter with Jesus in the Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. It will include an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration, Talk, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. **Next on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.**

**PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOOR OF GRACE):** If you would like us to pray for an intention during the Hour of Grace (Eucharistic Adoration), please collect a brown prayer intention envelope in the porch. It is NOT a Mass intention envelope. Thank you.

**CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE:** Explore Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**, 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. **Theme: Treasures of the Catholic Faith.**

**WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:** Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Theresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Mary Brearley, Angela Matthews, Millie Richards, Janet Blackburn, Yvonne Richards, Peter McPherson, Heather Ellis, Bill Gill, Jimmy Taylor, Janice Jones, Wendy Graham, Maureen Williams, John Mannion, Tony Lane, Jill Griffiths, Rachael Naylor, Michael Kinrade.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following parishioners:

**Pat Falvey** who passed away 9<sup>th</sup> December. Funeral Mass on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 11am, Our Lady Star of the Sea.

**Norman Thomas** who passed away 11<sup>th</sup> December. Funeral Mass on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 10am, Our Lady Star of the Sea.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest and rewards. Amen.

**THE CYCLE OF PRAYER:** During **Advent** and **Christmastide**, we are invited to pray for Migrants and Refugees and for Expectant Mothers

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER:** That people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society and that institutions may offer programs which value their active participation.

**SUNDAY OFFERING: £929**

**FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS: £254.80**

**EVANGELISATION (DOMSEC) DONATIONS:**

Thanks to all who donate to support the work of evangelisation.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) AT CHRISTMAS

| DATE                                | TIME                                    | PRIEST(S)                     |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Tuesday December 19 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.15am – 11am (after Mass); 6.30pm-7pm | Visiting Priest               |
| Wednesday December 20 <sup>th</sup> | 6.30pm – 7pm (with Hour of Grace)       | Fr Jude and a Visiting Priest |
| Friday December 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | 6.30pm – 7pm                            | 2 Visiting Priests            |

### CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

| DATE                                    | TIME    | CELEBRATION                          |
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| Sunday December 24 <sup>th</sup>        | 6.30pm  | Christmas Vigil Mass                 |
| Sunday December 24 <sup>th</sup>        | 9.45pm  | Christmas Carols                     |
| Sunday December 24 <sup>th</sup>        | 10.00pm | Mass during the night (Livestreamed) |
| Christmas Day December 25 <sup>th</sup> | 8.30am  | Mass of Christmas Day                |
| Christmas Day December 25 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am | Mass of Christmas Day (Livestreamed) |



Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas, when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's coming at the of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.